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NEWS FROM WILLOW LANE SCHOOL

Mrs. Charleen Whisnant, editor of Red Clay books, author of Poetry Power and Word Magic, poet and teacher, was in residence at Willow Lane School for the week of November 12 - 17.

Sponsored by the S. C. Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, Mrs. Whisnant taught poetry writing to 40 students in the classes of Mrs. Annie L. Gist.

The week was highly successful and the students wrote many good poems and developed in both their language and self-respect.

There will be a book published on campus which will include much of the work. To be titled Psychedelic Wings, the volume will be distributed to the girls in the school and to sponsoring agencies.

The highlight of the week's work was a poetry reading concert on Friday morning, November 16, 1973, when Mrs. Whisnant and eight of the students performed their original poetry and danced to the accompaniment of Charlotte's musician and composer Sam Ingram.

Also featured in the program were several poems written by students at John G. Richards School and read by the poet, Tommy Scott Young.

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HAPPINESS

Happiness is the month of May when the little golden butterflies spread their
psychedelic wings.
Happiness is getting warm by snuggling up and having somebody snuggle back.
Happiness is walking in a warm April shower with someone you love who is kind,
Or walking in the hazy mountains feeling free and smelling of campfire smoke,
Or standing at the crossroads barefoot in blue jeans and really having a
choice.

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Jim Sparger is now having a drama class at Willow Lane. It meets once a week for two hours. The meeting includes practicing mime, movements, situation dramas and body and voice control. The girls hope to write and

produce their own skits and plays by Christmas. Mr. Sparger's main idea for the class is for them to take basic drama techniques and create something of their own. Mr. Sparger has done work in professional drama, educational drama and is working on his second degree in theatre.

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Attending the South Carolina Art Education Association's Fall Conference will be Miss Johnston and Mrs. West, Art Teachers at Willow Lane School and John G. Richards School, on November 16 and 17 at the SCEA Building in Columbia.

The SCAEA is an affiliate of the National Art Education Association and the South Carolina Education Association. Art teachers and supervisors over the state are invited to participate in the conference which consists of business meetings, exhibitors shows and demonstrations, and workshop sessions for the teachers. This fall the workshops include film making, weaving and textiles and metal working. Each workshop is conducted by a professional in the media area and the teachers participate in exploring and learning more about the areas applicable to their teaching situations. Those attending the conference also have an opportunity to gather new purchasing information from the various exhibitors' art supply companies.

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NEWS FROM CAMPUS POLICE

SAFETY AND SECURITY SECTION

A Fast Way to Die

You're on your way back from the plant late one evening, anxious to get home. What's going to happen to you if your car, traveling 55 m.p.h., skids and runs into a solid, immovable tree?

Calspan Corp., formerly Cornell Automotive Research Center, studied this type of accident in an experiment, and, with the help of slow motion film, discovered what the driver can expect.

1/10 second: Your front bumper and grillwork collapse and slivers of steel penetrate the tree 1 1/2 inches or more.

2/10 second: The hood crumples as it rises and smashes into the windshield. The spinning rear wheels leave the ground, the grill disintegrates, and the fenders make contact with the tree, forcing the rear to splay out over the front doors. Your body continues to move forward at 55 m.p.h., but the structure of the car acts as a brake on your forward momentum. The force acting on your body is now 20 times that of gravity. Your body weighs 3,200 lbs. Your legs straighten out and snap at the knee joint.

3/10 second: Your body is now off the seat, torso upright, knees against the dash. The frame of the steering wheel begins to bend. Your head is near the sun visor, and your chest above the steering column.

4/10 second: The first 24 inches of the car's body are completely demolished. The rear end is traveling 35 m.p.h., and your body 55 m.p.h.

5/10 second: Your fear-frozen hands bend the steering column up almost vertically. The force of gravity impales you on the wheel shaft. Steel punctures your legs and intercostal arteries. Blood spurts into your lungs.

6/10 second: The impact has ripped your feet from your shoes. The brake pedal shears off at the floor board. The chassis bends in the middle, shearing body bolts. Your head smashes into the windshield. The rear of the car falls downward and the spinning wheels dig into the ground.

7/10 second: The entire body of the car is forced out of shape. Hinges tear, doors spring open, and the seat jams forward, pinning you against the steering shaft. Blood leaps from your mouth. Shock has frozen your heart.

You are now dead.

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NEWS FROM THE YOUTH BUREAU DIVISION

Mr. J. Douglas Brooks has been employed as the District Supervisor for the Youth Bureau Division State Office located at 2800-B Bush River Road filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Rallie Seigler. Mr. Brooks received his Masters' Degree in Psychology from Furman University and prior to his employment with the South Carolina Department of Youth Services, was the Director of Vocational Evaluation and Client Services at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Mr. Brooks' past experience as a Case Worker for the Greenville County Department of Public Welfare, Counselor for the School District of Greenville County, Counselor of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in Greenville, and Area Supervisor for the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department for the Spartanburg Area Office will be most beneficial to him in the position he now holds.

Welcome Mr. Brooks!

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NEWS FROM CENTRAL OFFICE

There seems to be an excessive use of slang, some of it bordering on the obscene and profane, by staff members in and around students. I would like to remind you that we do not approve of this, and I would like to caution you to exercise good judgement about staff language at all times.

Please communicate to all of your staff that we are trying to change self-images, and it is very difficult to do this in an atmosphere where this kind of thing continues to exist.

GENERAL ORDER
Issued by General George Washington in New York. July 1776

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

G. Washington

U. S. Army Recruiting Office
New Orleans, La.

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Student Christmas Parties Sponsored by Alston Wilkes
Society

December 18, 1973

- (1) Willow Lane School - 3:30 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- (2) ICU Willow Lane - 5:00 p.m. (Their Building)
- (3) Wm. J. Goldsmith R & E Center - 6:00 p.m. (Auditorium)

December 19, 1973

- (1) S. C. School for Boys Florence, S. C.
7:30 p.m. (Gym. or Cafeteria)

December 20, 1973

- (1) John G. Richards School for Boys
5:00 p.m. (Gymnasium)
- (2) Behavior Modification Center
3:30 p.m. (Social Room)
- (3) ICU Pickens Building (JGR)
6:30 p.m. (Their Building)

The units are requested to furnish ice. Refreshments and gifts will be furnished by Alston Wilkes Society for each student. Game gifts for each cottage will be given by Alston Wilkes Society.

Santa Claus will be present - there will be singing of Christmas carols by all.

ALL STAFF MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

P. S. Alston Wilkes Society will also make arrangements for about 30 Christmas trees to be donated to the units sometime during the first week of December.

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Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Campbell. Mr. Campbell, Administrative Assistant at the School for Boys, and the former Miss Terry Etta Eaddy were married Wednesday, November 21, 1973.